Sauklook



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- August 9th Fall Kick off at Singing Bird Lodge 7pm-830pm
- Aug 9th—Commissioners meeting @ Singing Bird Lodge 6pm
- Aug 25th—Popcorn Kick off @ Genesis East Campus (12pm-2pm)
- Aug 16th—District Committee Meeting @ Augustana College 630pm
- Sept 7th-9th—Adult
 Camporee @ Loud
 Thunder
- Sept 13th—
 Commissioners Meeting
 @ Singing Bird Lodge
- Sept 13th—Roundtable
 @ Singing Bird Lodge
 7pm
- Sept 20th—District Committee Meeting @ Augustana College 630pm

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Jeff Applegate - District Director!

Lets give a big Saukenuk Welcome to our new Saukenuk District Director—Jeff Applegate. Jeff is coming from the Sha-Bo-Na district as a District Director for them. Here is a bit about Jeff in his own words...

"I'm a native of Illinois and attended the University of Utah. I graduated with a degree in History and planned on teaching but started a photography business while in college and pursued that profession instead of teaching. I was introduced to Scouting in Utah and became an assistant SM. Eventually, I became SM of a small but active troop. My family moved back to Illinois in 2007 and I joined the professional ranks of the BSA in September of 2007. I originally served in the Medicine Lodge district and then the Shabona district. My wife, Michelle, and I have been married for 19 years and we have 3 children: Gareth (17), Samuel (14) and Elizabeth (8). I currently volunteer as SM of a troop in Kewanee. "



Fall Kick Off is Now!!!

Don't miss the most important meeting of the year!!!!

Roundtable of the year on **August 9th at Singing Bird Lodge** starting at 7pm and ending at 8:30pm. The Kick-off will provide valuable information and tons of resources for Cub and Boy Scout leaders.

<u>Cub Leaders</u> will receive information about School Night for Scouting, applications, Boys' Life Mini Magazines, incentive program info, valuable event info and more.

Boy Scout and Venture Leaders will receive applications, event information and registration forms in addition to other valuable information

We are now asking that all Pack leaders send in information about the date, time and location of their Pack's recruitment night.

This will allow us to adequately coordinate school talks and any needed presenters for Pack round-ups.

Please send info to:

Jeff Applegate
Jeff.Applegate@scouting.org

Or

Michael Gullion
Michael.Gullion@Scouting.org



Scouting's Journey to Excellence is the BSA recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA.

Click Here for the new 2012 Award Criteria

In an effort to allow units the maximum opportunity for success in this program you will receive periodic updates for the criteria that you will have a hard time collecting yourself such as retention rate, membership and advancement info. We will be handing this information out at Roundtable in the months of March, May, August, October and December.

Sauklook Survey

In an effort to continually improve the communications we send to the volunteers of the Saukenuk District please review the following questions and let us know if we are meeting your needs:

- I. How often do you read the Sauklook?
- 2. Do you share it with other leaders?
- How would you prefer to receive the newsletter: Email or Paper copy?
- 4. What other stories or information would you like to see included in the Sauklook?
- 5. Did you know past issues are available on our website: <u>Click here</u>

Please send the answers to your questions to Michael Gullion at michael.gullion@scouting.org

Popcorn

The Popcorn sale is just around the corner, so make sure to sign up now. We have only a few units registered, so please take the time and go to the Illowa Councils Popcorn page and fill out the information for your Unit Kernel. They will be receiving an invitation soon to the August 25th popcorn Kickoff event at Genesis East Campus in Davenport, IA. It will go from 12pm-2pm and be filled with good to know information about the upcoming popcorn sale. You can sign up or find more information at

Www.illowabsa.org/popcorn .

Scouting Quotes:

"The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do."

- Lord Baden-Powell

How to recruit New Leaders

As Fall is just around the corner and the beginning of the school is in reach it is very important for the adult leader-ship of our Packs, Troops and Crews to think about the status of their adult leadership. Do you have a Tiger Cub mentor for your incoming Tigers? Do you have all of your Den Leader spots filled with quality leaders? Do you have a Scoutmaster that is retiring?

It is extremely important for units to consider the idea of "Selecting Quality Leaders." Too many times we put our-selves in the position of asking our membership for anyone to step up and fill a void. The reality becomes that we settle for leaders that aren't fully engaged. Consider the following concepts when attracting the right person:

Before You Begin: Develop a List of Needs - What are the positions that need to be filled.

- Form a Steering Committee and Brief the Charter Organization - This committee is made of the Chartered Organization Rep, Committee Chair and other quality leaders who represent the BSA well (typically from within the unit).
- Meet with the Steering Committee During this process the Committee will develop a list of prospects to fill positions that are vacant. Using the "Selecting Quality Leaders" pamphlet a determination is made on the best candidate for each position.

- Make an Appointment with the Prospect Try to have someone who has a personal connection call to make the appointment and invite to a meeting at a comfortable location. Try not to recruit over the phone.
- 4. Make the Ask Several members of the steering commit-tee meet with the prospect. Don't invite too many members as this may make the prospect uncomfortable. Tell the prospect why they have been selected and why they would be good in the position. Then make the ask.
- 5. Complete the membership application.
- Welcome the New Leader Selecting Quality leadership goes beyond having them sign the application. Mentoring them and making them feel welcome in their new position is critical. Get them started at a subsequent meeting with support material but don't overwhelm them all at once.
- 7. Schedule Training Start the process of getting them trained by having them complete Youth Protection. Then seek out opportunities for them to get more training by attending Pow Wow (a day long experience with all kinds of training opportunities) district and council trainings, and online training. Those without computer skills may need to be coached through some of these trainings.

The bottom line is that our Scouts deserve Quality Leaders. For more information and resources

Celebration Page

2012 Saukenuk Eagle list (updated)

We would like to continue recognizing all the young men in the Saukenuk district who have worked hard and achieved that great honor of the Eagle Rank. It is recognized that only 2% of all Boy Scouts in the Scouting program achieve this rank. Congratulations

Jesse Mohr—Troop 100
Jared Vanspeybroeck—Troop 119
John Morris III—Troop 131
Benjamin Nevins—Troop 213
David McClellan—Troop 260
Justin Holland—Troop 260
Nathaniel Klink—Troop 425
Justin Behn—Troop 425

Do you have special news to share?

Perhaps a news article, volunteer you'd like to recognize for their hard work, photos of Scouts earning awards, special event photos. This is a great format to recognize your youth and adults for their hard work.

Click here to access the submissions page.

I would like to give a big shout out and congratulations to Jay Reische and Robin VanWychen for putting on an amazing Day Camp for 2012. They worked long and hard with many volunteers and leaders to put together an exciting and adventurous day camp for the boys in the Saukenuk District. Sadly, this was Robin's last year as Program Director, but what a year to go out on! If you see any of the Day Camp Staff, make sure to shake their hand, pat them on the back, and congratulate them on a job well done this summer.

Thanks to all the Den Walkers who came out to camp as well; without your help, the boys would not have had the opportunity that they did to do all the activities. Thank you parents and family who were willing to give up your time during the week to spend it with the boys, you help make the program what it is today.

-Michael Gullion - Saukenuk District Executive

